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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION ON PUERTO RICO

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1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL, I ADVISED FOREIGN SECRETARY BRUTUS OF FORTHCOMING REFERENDUM, EXPLAINED PURPOSES AND INVITED HIS SUPPORT AT FORTHCOMING C-24 MEETING IN AUGUST. BRUTUS SAID A) IT WAS A "VERY GOOD INITIATIVE"; B) HAITI WAS FOR "FREE SELF-DETERMINATION"-- EVEN THOUGH HE ANTICIPATED ANY VOTE WOULD ALWAYS BE OVERWHELMINGLY FOR ASSOCIATION WITH THE U.S.; C) THE U.S. COULD COUNT ON A HELPING HAND AT THE UN "SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY".

2. SECRETARY BRUTUS' COMMENTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH PAST REMARKS. RECOMMEND, HOWEVER, THAT USUN FOLLOW UP CLOSELY WITH HAITI'S AMBASSADOR TO UN WHO TENDS TO BEND HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION TOWARD THIRD WORLD.

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